

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions and listings of claims in the application:

LISTING OF CLAIMS:

1. (currently amended): A printer provided with an auxiliary storage, comprising:

a printing task for executing processing related to the control of a print engine according to a request for printing;

an image generation task for generating said request for printing based upon print data sent from an external device;

a task for writing to the auxiliary storage, by which data related to printing is stored in said auxiliary storage; and

a task for reading from the auxiliary storage, by which said data stored in said auxiliary storage is read,

wherein each of said tasks are exclusively selected and executed according to each priority,

wherein a relative order of priority among said tasks, before said tasks are executed,
~~based upon the priority of said task for writing to said auxiliary storage and the priority of said image generation task~~ is varied when a predetermined event occurs.
2. (original): A printer according to claim 1, wherein priorities lower than the priority of said printing task is applied to said task for writing to said auxiliary storage and said task for reading from said auxiliary storage.

3. (original): A printer according to claim 1, wherein said predetermined event is a predetermined elapse of time.

4. (original): A printer according to claim 1, wherein said predetermined event is an occurrence of a predetermined situation which occurs in a processing of any of tasks.

5. (original): A printer according to claim 4, wherein said predetermined event is judgment that quantity of requests for printing generated by said image generation task and stored to be consumed by said printing task exceeds predetermined quantity.

6. (original): A printer according to claim 1, wherein a priority lower than the priority of said task for reading from said auxiliary storage is applied to said task for writing to said auxiliary storage.

7. (currently amended): A printer comprising:
an auxiliary storage for storing data related to printing;
a print engine for executing printing; and
a controller comprising:
writing means for storing said data in said auxiliary storage;
reading means for reading said data stored in said auxiliary storage;

image generation means for generating a request for printing supplied to said print engine; and

printing execution means for controlling said print engine,

wherein a relative order of priority among said tasks, before said tasks are executed, is varied when a predetermined event occurs, and

wherein, if asaid predetermined event occurs during processing for generating said printing request by said image generation means, said writing means is executed more precedently than a generation of said request for printing by said image generation means.

8. (original): A printer according to claim 1, wherein said data related to printing stored in said auxiliary storage includes print data sent from an external device.

9. (original): A printer according to claim 1, wherein said data related to printing stored in said auxiliary storage includes at least a part of said request for printing.

10. (previously presented): A printer control method, comprising:
a writing process for storing print data as it is received from an external device in an auxiliary storage;
a reading process for reading print data written to said auxiliary storage;
a generation process for generating a request for printing based upon said read print data;
and

a printing process for printing based upon said request for printing,
wherein a priority of the writing process and a priority of the generation process are
reversed every predetermined time interval.

11. (currently amended): A printer control method, comprising:
a writing process for storing print data received from an external device in an auxiliary
storage;
a reading process for reading print data written to said auxiliary storage;
a generation process for generating a request for printing based upon said read print data;
and
a printing process for printing based upon said request for printing,
wherein said writing process is controlled so that it is precedently executed by a CPU in
case a stored quantity of said requests for printing generated by an execution of said generation
process by said CPU is equal to or more than a predetermined quantity.

12. (previously presented): A record medium for recording a program for operating a
printer provided with an auxiliary storage, a print engine, and a scheduler of a CPU, by
exclusively selecting and executing any of plural tasks according to priority, wherein said
program comprises:

a writing task for storing data in said auxiliary storage;
a reading task for reading data stored in said auxiliary storage;

an image generation task for generating a request for printing supplied to said print engine;

a printing task for controlling said print engine; and

a priority changing section in the scheduler for changing priorities of each of said writing task, reading task, image generation task and printing task stored in a priority table of the CPU,

wherein said priority changing section prioritizes said printing task so that it is always set at the highest priority in the priority table and most precedently executed.

13. (currently amended): A record medium for recording a program for operating a printer provided with an auxiliary storage, a print engine, and a scheduler of a CPU, by exclusively selecting and executing any of plural tasks according to priority, wherein:

said program comprises:

a writing task for storing data in said auxiliary storage;

a reading task for reading data stored in said auxiliary storage;

an image generation task for generating a request for printing supplied to said print engine;

a printing task for controlling said print engine; and

a priority changing section in the scheduler for changing priorities of said writing task and said image generation task, according to a predetermined condition, before said writing task and said image generation task are executed.

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14. (previously presented): A printer according to claim 1, wherein the printer further comprises a scheduler that includes a priority table and a priority changing section, wherein said priority changing section rewrites the relative order of priority of said task for writing and said image generation task stored in said priority table when the predetermined event occurs.

15. (new): A printer according to claim 1, wherein said relative order of priority among said tasks, before said tasks are executed, is dynamically varied with said predetermined event occurs.